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Everett Bank Robbery Suspect Arrested

On Monday evening, at approximately 7:00 PM, members of the Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task Force (PNWFAT) and officers from the Everett Police Department (EPD) arrested Michael G. Jaaskela, age 41, of Everett who was wanted by the EPD for Bank Robbery and Assault and by the Washington State Department of Corrections for Escape from Community Custody.

On Friday, August 11th, the EPD requested the assistance of the PNWFAT in locating and arresting Michael Jaaskela. Jaaskela is the suspect in six bank robberies that have occurred in the City of Everett since March of this year. The most recent robbery occurred last Wednesday, August 9th when an individual, believed to be Jaaskela, robbed the Key Bank located at 6726 Evergreen Way.

Everett Detectives were also seeking Jaaskela for an assault which occurred on July 29th in which Jaaskela allegedly fired a handgun at his girlfriend from extremely close range narrowly missing striking her in the head.

On Monday morning, PNWFAT investigators learned of a possible location for Jaaskela. After conducting surveillance throughout the day, Jaaskela was seen on the back porch of the residence located on the 600 block of Linden Street in north Everett. PNWFAT investigators, along with multiple units from the EPD, moved in a short time later and located Jaaskela hiding beneath a pile of dirty clothes in the laundry room. The homeowners, who did not know Jaaskela was being sought by the police, will not be charged in the case.

“Michael Jaaskela was an extremely dangerous fugitive who is now behind bars”, said Eric E. Robertson, the U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Washington. “The citizens of Everett and Snohomish County are safer now that Mr. Jaaskela has been removed from the streets, and the law enforcement community is extremely pleased he was captured before he hurt someone.”

The PNWFAT is a U.S. Marshals-sponsored partnership comprised of investigators from the King County Sheriffs Office, Seattle Police Department, Washington State Department of Corrections, the U.S. Social Security Administration OIG, and the U.S. Marshals Service. The Task Force is supported by the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative and was formed to concentrate apprehension efforts to remove federal, state and local fugitives from the streets. The Task Force objective is to disrupt illegal gun and drug traffickers in the Pacific Northwest and to reduce the amount of violence in the region.

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For information on the apprehension, call U.S. Marshal Eric E. Robertson at 206-370-8601 or 253-302-8601; for information on the criminal case, call the Everett Police Department's Public Information Officer, Sgt. Boyd Bryant at 425-257-8404.